

DUCK KEY SECURITY DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sherry Popham, Chair
Rick Sherman, Vice Chair
Philip Kircher, Secretary
Tom Neville
A. Dennis Kulig
Sandy Hastings
Billy Wagner
Ex-Officio DKSDAB Member, MCSO: Det. Scott Ward

BOARD MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

None

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Commissioner David Rice, BOCC; Sylvia Hernandez, Duck Key Resident; Mary Balazs, Duck Key Resident; Robin Neville, Duck Key Resident; Simon Leird, Keys Security; Dave Williamson, DKPOA President and Duck Key Resident; John Schwarz, Duck Key Resident; Det. Scott Ward, MCSO; Allen Burton, Duck Key Resident; Barbara Burton, Duck Key Resident; Russ Wolf, Duck Key Resident; David Newton, Duck Key Resident; Linda Newton, Duck Key Resident; Fritz Anderson, Duck Key Resident; Charlie Morse, Duck Key Resident; John Cedillo, Hawks Cay Resort Director; Susie Ward, Duck Key Resident

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order 8:03 a.m. by Sherry Popham
- Location of meeting: Hawks Cay Resort, 61 Hawks Cay Blvd, Duck Key, FL 33050; Alma's
- Date of Meeting: January 6, 2015

MOTION to Approve/Amend the January Agenda

A motion was made to amend the Agenda by Sherry Popham, seconded by Sandy Hastings:

- 1) Allow Commissioner David Rice to address the Board first.

MOTION CARRIED

Commission David Rice read and presented the Honorary Conch to Tom Neville. In addition, Sherry Popham, the current Chair and the Board thanked Tom Neville by giving Mr. Neville a plaque of recognition for the 14 years he has served as Chair on the Duck Key Security District Advisory Board.

MOTION to Approve/Amend the November 4, 2014 Minutes

A motion was made by Philip Kircher, seconded by Sandy Hastings, the Duck Key Security District Advisory Board voted to amend the minutes of November 4, 2014 meeting per Rick Sherman – Old Business, Item B.

MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE AMENDED MINUTES, NOVEMBER 4, 2014

STANDING REPORTS

- A. Ex-Officio DKSDAB Member MCSO, Det. Scott Ward. Call 911 if a property owner sees a crime in progress; if someone is being injured; if medical emergency; for fires; for a situation which needs immediate response; call non-emergency if unsure – 305.289.2351 and talk to Sheriff's Dispatch. Det. Ward will be a full time resident of Duck Key and generously gave his cell phone number issued by the MCSO, 305.797.0884, for Duck Key Residents to call him directly. Det. Ward advised to put in storage, lock and engrave valuables; lighted areas help detour criminals; position home security cameras and maintain. Areas of Monroe County have had an increase in the robbery of boats and boat parts; unlocked vehicles have been robbed of loose change and personal items. Neighborhood Crime Watch is a good deterrent to keep crime at a minimum.
- B. Keys Security, Simon Leird. Keys Security reported that the Islands of Duck Key were overall quiet, some fireworks during the Christmas holidays.
- C. Hawks Cay Resort, John Cedillo, Resort Manager. The Resort has addressed water safety, motor vessel speeds in canals, with their captains and concessionaires. The Resort has addressed Guests' biking and walking/running; only giving out the 5K map which is 1.5 miles in and 1.5 miles back out of Duck Key. The Resort is in the process to updating their golf carts.
- D. DKPOA, David Williamson, President of DKPOA. Unable to locate the "no wake" buoy markers in sea bottom; would like DKSDAB to address golf cart safety; new home sales, the new property owners need to be advised of DKSDAB's existence and duties; unkempt lots and abandoned homes are an ongoing concern of DKPOA and would like the County to get more involved; lots that are not mowed are habitats for rats; more problems with vacation rentals not following the 28 day rental ordinance and in addition, the vacation rental code enforcement employee's position needs to be filled.
- E. FWC. Unable to attend meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Review of outstanding issues/concerns discussed in 2014. Sherry Popham addressed this issue and wants DKSDAB to spend its resources, time and money in the best possible way to benefit Duck Key Residents. Concerns/issues for Duck Key Residents as drafted by Sherry Popham:
 - Golf cart safety. Vacation rentals and related security concerns. Speeding and speed abatement ideas. Bridge Safety. Water access thefts. Vandalism. Unkempt lots. Cameras, additional locations on bridges and waterways. Cameras, homeowner's. Street lights. Role of DKSDAB, ordinance versus legislative expansion. Canal safety; speeders; no wake zones; markers; mangroves. DKSDAB money in reserves and possible uses. Possibility/value of Sheriff's substation on Resort Island. Keys Security role and responsibilities. Varmints; rats; pythons. Segways. Free roaming dogs. Relationship with Hawks Cay Resort as pertains to safety.
- B. Public input regarding resident concerns/issues. The meeting was opened for conversation and comments from Duck Key Property Owners: Mary Balazs: Speeding on Duck Key. Sherry Popham and

Phil Kircher talked about speed abatements and will continue to research the best possible ways to stop speeding. John Schwarz: Mangroves encroaching on canals; County enforcing its own rules after an issue has been documented specifically to maintenance of lots, derelict homes and rental agreements. Sherry Popham: the County has rules but lacks the staff for enforcement. Sylvia Hernandez: Bridge safety for pedestrians. Sherry Popham has discussed this issue with John Glista, County Dept. of Roads and Bridges. Dennis Kulig is very concerned that the Bridges need a pedestrian walkway. Fritz Anderson: Location of road markers, water wake markers and vehicles speeding on Bimini. Sherry Popham would like Duck Key to have the reputation that speeders will be stopped and given a ticket from MCSO. Phil Kircher: Sidewalks or possible enlargement of roads. Dave Williamson: DKPOA has had a discussion with Commissioner Rice regarding sidewalks.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Selection of three names to be submitted as options for BOCC selection of term expiring February 1, 2015.

MOTION: SUBMIT NAMES FOR THE BOARD SEAT COMING AVAILABLE FEBRUARY 1, 2015

A motion to submit the names of Tom Neville and Sheldon Suga to Commissioner Rice for consideration of the Board Seat opening on February 1, 2015 first by Sandy Hastings and second by Philip Kircher.

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Schedule Special Meeting for 2015 Strategic Plan & Budget Preparation (Req. As per Ordinance 016-2014). Sherry Popham would like the Board to convene for this Special Meeting in the month of February 2015. This meeting will be public and advertised. Rick Sherman suggested this Special Meeting address: capital expenditures; ongoing expenditures; prioritize the topics discussed in this January 6, 2015 meeting. Place, date and time were discussed. Meeting to last approximately 4 hours. Week day from 5:00 to 9:00 was acceptable to the Board. Sherry Popham and Susie Ward, staff, to email the Board possible dates.

FINANCE REPORT

Sherry Popham advised Duck Key Security District, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Fiscal Plan Fund Summary was approximately \$340,658.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

What is the assessment for property owners: \$200.00 per year. What is the amount paid to Keys Security per year: between \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per year for services rendered; 7 days of coverage, 7:00 pm to 3:00 am; double coverage on Saturdays, 1:00 pm to 5:00 am. Tom Neville thanked Sherry Popham for her great job with this first meeting as Chair. David Williamson wants to look forward to see what can be accomplished for the property owners on Duck Key.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 6, 2015 MEETING, FIRST BY RICK SHERMAN AND SECOND BY SANDY HASTINGS.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting closed: 9:30 am

Next Regular Meeting: March 3, 2015

Next Regular Meeting Location: Hawks Cay Resort

Special Meeting for Strategic Plan and Budget: February 2015; place, time and date to be determined.

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